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TO: Environmental Protection Agency, Civil Rights Director and Administrator

FROM: [REDACTED]
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SUBJECT: Discrimination Complaint

In accordance with, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act states that "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Title VI prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance (e.g., **states**, universities, **local governments**) from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin in their programs or activities.

Under this Title I am allowed to file an administrative complaint with the federal departments and agencies that provide financial assistance alleging discrimination based on race, color, or national origin by recipients of federal funds.

I am filing an administration complaint on the bases that my mother who is a black women over the age of 70 and low income is being discriminated on the basis of race, color, age and because she live in a black neighborhood with low income people. I am her son and the trustee of her home.

My mother lives next to a construction site that has been a nightmare for her. This construction site has been in existence for over 6 years. **This construction site has been a health hazard to her.** My mother has respiratory problems and this construction has made her environment hazardous to her health. **My mother has a large amount of dust buildup in her home.** The state and local government has taken no precaution measurements to ensure that the construction site is not harming the environment of the people that live in the surrounding area. **My mother's health has been on the down slide because of the condition she is force to live in because no one cares about poor black folks.**

The pounding of the ground has begun again and my mother's house is being damage due the pounding. My mother's house was built in the 50's and the walls are made of plaster not dry wall. Well the plaster is now cracking due the pounding. **My mother's house has cracks all over, who knows what other damage has been caused!**

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If my mother was a white women in mid-town Manhattan the State of New York would have not allowed it to get this far. **I am asking that my mother be provided some relief for the lack of protection that was provided her due to her being poor, black women in a neighborhood that the state/city is not protecting.**

I know that the EPA's Office of Civil Rights is responsible for the Agency's administration of Title VI, including investigation of such complaints. Executive Order 12898 generally calls on each federal agency to achieve "environmental justice ... by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations...."

I trust that there will be no mistreatment/retaliation from the government, state or local government because of this complaint!

If you have any questions concerning this request, please call my Mother, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] or me Trustee, [REDACTED].

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